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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of William Charles Bouline, who died on April 14, 2015, at
3 the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Bouline was born in Manly, Iowa, on October 7,
5 1933, to Charles and Gladys Bouline; he shared his life for 58 years
6 with his wife, Maria, and through the years, he became the father of
7 two children, Nanette and Erik, and the grandfather of seven
8 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Bouline
10 spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, and for much of that time, he
11 served as a navigator on large cargo aircraft, flying all over the
12 world, including missions to the Congo in 1960, to Antarctica in
13 1962, and to West Germany on many occasions; he also worked as an
14 air traffic controller, and during the Vietnam War, he earned a
15 Distinguished Flying Cross as a crew member on an AC-47 "Spooky"
16 gunship; he retired in 1974, with the rank of lieutenant colonel;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, On returning to civilian life, Mr. Bouline embarked
19 on a new career as a tennis pro; he and his wife, Ria, opened a
20 business called the Tennis Corner and, over a 26-year career, he
21 taught several generations of tennis players; he retired again in
22 2010 after serving for four years as the tennis coach of Saint
23 Thomas More Academy in Dover, Delaware; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bouline took great pleasure in spending time

1 with his grandchildren, picking them up from school, attending
2 their sporting events and recitals, and sharing with them his love
3 of photography and music; he and his wife also took each grandchild
4 on a personal tour of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland; and

5 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a proud veteran, Bill
6 Bouline lived a rich and colorful life, and he leaves behind a
7 legacy that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved
8 him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of William Charles
11 Bouline and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
12 his wife, Maria "Ria" Bouline; to his children, Nanette Kay Bouline
13 Holmes and her partner, Michael Utley, and Erik Charles Bouline and
14 his wife, Tracy; to his grandchildren, Christian Bouline, Bettina
15 Holmes and her partner, Jason Sauders, Steffi Holmes and her
16 husband, Timothy Plimpton, Danielle Bouline, Joshua Holmes,
17 Michael R. Utley and his fiancée, Melanie Georgules, and Matthew
18 Utley and his wife, Ginn; to his great-grandchildren, Ryan Utley,
19 Sophia Georgules, and Barnes Utley; to his sisters, Pat Klinge and
20 her husband, David, and Neva Bitker and Otti Roeckel; and to his
21 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
25 Charles Bouline.